

required fee therefor under 37 CFR § 1.17(c). Upon granting of the petition, a response is due by November 20, 1996.

Please enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

On page 17, line 16: After the sentence ending "initial mixture." Please enter the sentence: --The evaporation step may remove 5-95% of the solvent.--

On page 17, line 18: After the sentence ending "to obtain a syrup." Please enter the sentence: --The temperature can be about 0°C to 80°C, or about 15°C to 60°C, or about 25°C to 45°C.--

On page 19, line 27: After the sentence ending "below ambient temperature." Please enter the sentence: --A temperature of 0°C to 80°C can be used.--

On page 20, line 33: After the sentence ending "reduced pressure." Please enter the sentence: --FGM with residual moisture content of 0.1 to 12% (w/w) can be achieved.--

On page 22, lines 27-38: Delete the sentence "The results are shown in Table 1."

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing thin, foamed glass matrices (FGMs), comprising the steps of:
- (a) preparing an initial mixture comprising at least one glass matrix-forming material and [at least one solvent including a solvent for the glass matrix-forming material] a solvent therefor;